

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The presser member 9 is disposed in a position opposed to the ~~belt roller 6~~ belt roller 7 through the paper transport path. The presser member 9 presses the paper onto the transport surface of the transport belt 8 so as to make the paper adhere to the transport surface firmly enough to prevent the paper on the transport belt 8 from floating from the transport surface.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 26, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Each part on the ~~maintenance unit 26~~ maintenance unit 12 operates in such a manner. Thus, at the time of nonprinting when the maintenance unit 12 is located at the maintenance position, the cap 34 is in close contact with the head 2, and the valve 35 closes the ink outflow channels 36. Accordingly, at the time of nonprinting, the inside of the cap 34 is blocked from the atmosphere so that ink can be prevented from evaporating from the nozzles of the head 2.